

A RESOLUTION to designate a certain segment of State Route 304 in Meigs County as the “Walter Dotson ‘Dot’ Carter Memorial Highway”.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the General Assembly has seen fit to name certain public highways to honor those exemplary servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Walter Dotson “Dot” Carter was a lifelong resident of Meigs County, dedicated to his family and the development of his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carter was an extremely hard worker and a versatile man as he engaged in a number of successful business ventures early in his life; and

WHEREAS, as a young man he operated a sawmill, bought and sold important timberland, transported young children to school, worked diligently in the Euchee Store and Euchee Post Office, and began the Ten Mile Stone Company; and

WHEREAS, ever the entrepreneur, Mr. Carter began building and developing an area that would become his legacy: the Ten Mile community; and

WHEREAS, “Dot” Carter can be credited with much of the success of this Meigs County community that became the economic center for the residents and visitors to Watts Bar Lake; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carter owned and operated the community’s first grocery store, while continuing to maintain his farm, stone company, and sawmill; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, Mr. Carter continued to provide economic and employment opportunities in the area as he began development of the Lakeside community in Ten Mile; and

WHEREAS, purchasing land with nothing on site but an abandoned church, he constructed Carter's Cash Store, began a successful strawberry farm, built a new home and later, a laundromat and car wash; and

WHEREAS, his other ventures of the day include lakeside cabins for tourist rental and the first water system of its kind in the area; and

WHEREAS, the growth spurred by this adventurous man continued throughout the 1970's and the Ten Mile community became home to restaurants, a bank, grocery stores, beauty shops, and other establishments; and

WHEREAS, ever one to shoulder the mantle of civic responsibility, Mr. Carter was Justice of the Peace in Meigs County for many years, and as an ordained deacon, he was very active in the growth and development of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carter was most appreciative of the love he shared with his family and his wife, Ruby; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Ten Mile/Lakeside community and Meigs County were fortunate to have such an ambitious, honest, kind-hearted neighbor and friend as was "Dot" Carter; and

WHEREAS, although "Dot" Carter has relinquished this life for a far better existence, he will be fondly remembered by the residents of Meigs County and this great state for years to come; and

WHEREAS, the Meigs County Commission has expressed a desire to name a certain segment of State Route 304 to honor Mr. Carter's sterling memory; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly has always endeavored to honor the wishes of county governments on matters of local concern whenever it is feasible to do so; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That in honor of this pioneer and great humanitarian, State Route 304 in Meigs County from its intersection with County Road 505 (Wasson Road) at mile marker 10 northerly to its intersection

with County Road 527 (Euchee Road) at mile marker 14 is hereby designated as the “Walter Dotson ‘Dot’ Carter Memorial Highway”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such segment of State Route 304 in Meigs County as the “Walter Dotson ‘Dot’ Carter Memorial Highway”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.